

City of Joliet Illinois Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Important Phone Numbers

Police and Fire Emergency
9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency
(815) 726-2491

City Hall Info/Questions
(815) 724-4000

Complaint Line
(815) 724-4005

Water & Sewer Billing
(815) 724-3820

Building Dept./ Inspections
(815) 724-4070

Public Utilities (Water & Sewer)
(815) 724-4220

Public Works
(815) 724-4200

Roadways
(815) 724-3650

Interim City Manager, Steve Jones
(815) 724-3730

Mayor, Bob O'Dekirk
(815) 724-3700

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(815) 325-0875

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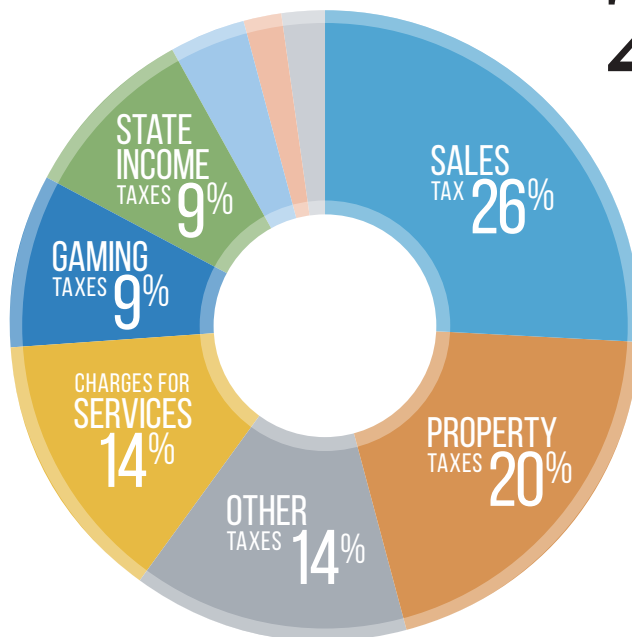
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(815) 724-3129

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(815) 724-3744

Mike Turk (At Large)
(815) 724-3747

City Council Adopts 2020 Budget



On December 26, 2019 the City Council adopted the 2020 budget appropriating \$328,913,441 for the City of Joliet's 23 funds. The City's largest fund, the General Fund, had an appropriation of \$192,424,180 that would be covered by \$192,424,180 in revenue. The Water and Sewer Fund is the second largest fund with a budget of \$56,909,467.

General Fund Revenue

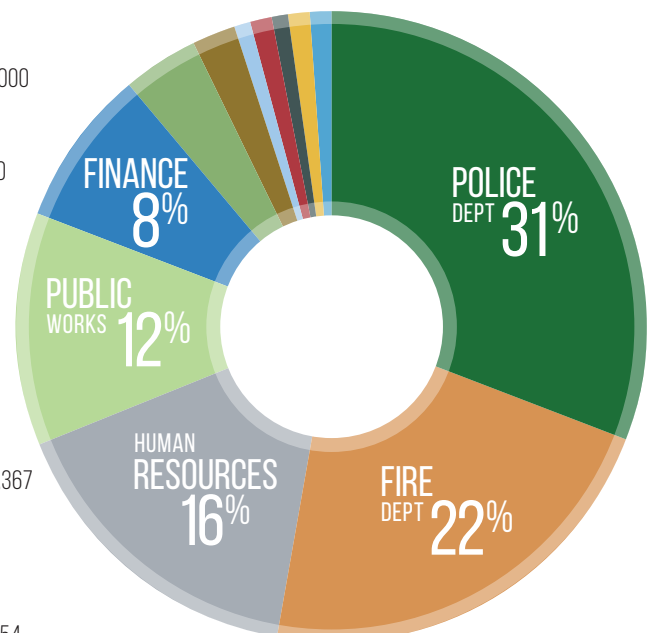
The 2020 budget anticipates revenues in the General Fund of \$192,424,180. Sales Tax (26%) and Property Tax (20%) are the largest source of City revenue. Other revenue sources are presented in the graph to the left.

SALES TAX: \$49,746,650	GAMING TAXES: \$17,155,000
PROPERTY TAXES: \$39,165,000	STATE INCOME TAXES: \$16,740,000
OTHER TAXES: \$26,697,430	FINES & FEES: \$7,310,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES: \$26,517,000	OTHER REVENUE: \$4,694,500
	LICENSES & PERMIT: \$4,398,600

General Fund Expenditures

The 2020 budget anticipates expenditures in the General Fund of \$192,424,180. The Police (31%) and Fire (22%) departments are the largest source of City Expenditures. Other Department expenditures are presented in the graph to the right.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: \$60,039,397	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: \$3,986,367
FIRE DEPARTMENT: \$41,800,661	LEGAL: \$2,707,209
HUMAN RESOURCES: \$30,062,626	CAPITAL PROJECTS: \$2,243,780
PUBLIC WORKS: \$25,258,607	CITY MANAGER: \$1,145,495
FINANCE: \$16,627,194	CITY CLERK: \$877,509
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: \$7,272,981	MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL: \$402,354



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Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita nuestra pagina joliet.gov/residents/city-newsletters.

Comprehensive Planning Underway

Stay Informed and Help Shape the Future of Our City!

The City of Joliet has started an 18- to 24-month process to create a new Comprehensive Plan for the City. The new plan will focus on the City's future from a city-wide perspective with a strong emphasis on land use planning, infrastructure, transportation, economic development and neighborhood integrity and sustainability. The Plan will establish a shared vision for the development and redevelopment of Joliet for the next decade and will outline a series of community goals and objectives.

To help guide the planning and public outreach process for the new Plan, the City has created a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) which includes community leaders who represent a cross-section of neighborhood, business, governmental and institutional interests.

The City will be assisted with the Plan by a consulting team led by RATIO, a planning and architectural consulting firm. During the public outreach process, there will be a series of focus groups which will be formed to provide in-depth analysis and ideas for topics such as land use; housing and neighborhood development; transportation; infrastructure and public facilities; community health, environment, parks and open space; economic development; community character; historic resources; and sustainability and resilience.

Members of the public who are interested in serving on one of the focus groups, or who would like to contribute ideas and stay informed, may sign up via the project web page on the City's web site at joliet.gov. For more information contact Community Development at (815) 724-4040.

Building Permits

Most people are aware that building permits are required for new construction, but did you know they are also required for roofs, siding, fences, decks, pools, and remodeling?

If you are uncertain if permits are required for your project, please feel free to contact Building Services at (815) 724-4070.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Spring

A Message from Bob O'Dekirk, Mayor of Joliet



Bob O'Dekirk
Mayor of Joliet

Dear Neighbor,

Hello to all Joliet residents. Like you, I am happy our winter is over and am looking forward to the spring and summer seasons. I would like to thank all of our City employees who have worked outside during the winter months, especially our first responders on the Police and Fire Departments and our Street Department crews. Great work! Finally, congratulations to all Joliet students and teachers for completing another school year. Thanks for all of your hard work and enjoy your summer break!

The 2020 United States Census Is Here!

THERE WILL BE NO CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON THE 2020 CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE

Census Day is April 1, 2020. Everyone counts. The 2020 Census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place. Why should this matter to you and our City? The government distributes \$675 billion in federal funds based on Census data. That money is spent on: schools, roads, healthcare and other vital programs.

Your privacy is protected. It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, your responses can only be used to produce statistics. **There will be no citizenship question on the 2020 Census questionnaire.**

For more information, you may visit 2020census.gov or wecount2020.com.

THERE ARE 4 WAYS TO RESPOND



INTERNET



TELEPHONE



MAIL*



ENUMERATOR*

*Depending on location



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Dig Safe, Protect Yourself and Your Family

The City of Joliet urges our residents to always contact JULIE before any digging project, large or small. Even if you're digging in the same location, just a little to the left or right or deeper can cause damage or potential injury.

It's happened to other homeowners, don't let it happen to you. Avoid damaged utility line costs and disruption of service to you or your neighbors. Be safe, always notify JULIE first.

Simply go online 24/7 to illinois1call.com or call **811** or **800-892-0123** at least two business days in advance.

Nominate a Property Today!

The Neighborhood Hero Award Program recognizes properties with outstanding yards that include maintained lawns, flowers, shrubs, and decorative trees. It also recognizes properties where obvious improvements have been made to the façade. Residents of these properties have labored intensely to create visual beauty. By showing great pride in their property, these residents demonstrate great pride in their neighborhood and in our City. Winners receive a celebratory yard sign and recognition at a Joliet City Council meeting. The program is sponsored by Project Acclaim and the City of Joliet.

Nominations are due Monday June 15, 2020. Nominations must include the address along with a brief description of the reason for nomination. Submit nominations to Project Acclaim by email: projectacclaim@gmail.com or by mail: Project Acclaim, P.O. Box 3799, Joliet, IL 60434. For more information, please contact Jayne M. Bernhard, Planning Department (815) 724-4052 or email jbernhard@joliet.gov.

Neighborhood Hero Award Criteria:

- Lawn neat and maintained and includes flowers, shrubs, decorative trees
- Landscaping must be resident's own work.
- Garbage cans not visible, no artificial flowers
- Exterior appearance of the residence must be in good condition
- Obvious improvements to facade or residence



A LOOK BACK

By the Numbers

A Look at Municipal Service Delivery

The third largest city in Illinois, Joliet covers 65.2 square miles and has 149,395 residents. The municipal services help to make our community a great place to live, work and do business.

Joliet has 600 miles of City-owned streets, 663 miles of water main, 592 miles of sewer main, 122 traffic signals, 41 bridges, 2,965 public parking spaces, 14,500 Streetlights (4,500 City and 10,000 ComEd) and 28 school zone warning flashers.

Services are delivered by a workforce of 853 full-time and 104 part-time employees who bring a wide range of formal education, experience and expertise to their jobs.

With the highly trained and accredited police force and firefighter-paramedic force, the City of Joliet's public safety programs rival those of any other community.

Joliet's public works and public utilities programs are the core of our municipal services. They pump water, maintain streets, treat sewage, plow the snow, keep the traffic signals operating, and trim the trees among other things.

Other municipal services nurture business investment, manage thousands of parking spaces and foster development that provides jobs, retail opportunities, eating places and housing that meets the needs of our growing community.

Though employees are assigned to different departments, and the jobs performed vary, all have the common mission of serving the many needs of the residents of Joliet. Here's a snapshot of some of their activities from the year that just ended.

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THE YEAR THAT JUST ENDED

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

- **88,794** calls for police service
- **87,851** 9-1-1 calls were received in the Joliet Communication Center
- **16,707** ambulance calls by 9 ambulances across the city
- **4,494** fire department service calls, including structure fires, car, brush, & dumpster fires, including carbon monoxide calls, and fire alarms to name a few
- **7,625** tons of salt for 11 events
- **241** water main breaks were repaired

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

- **106** scheduled block parties, school visits, and other community requests for fire trucks to attend their functions
- **3,300** Fire Inspections of businesses
- **80** special events applications processed
- **23** block party applications processed
- **53** pre-council/special council/council meetings - 152 committee/board/commission meetings held
- **284** complaints of graffiti, resulting in 502 graffiti tags removed
- **4,347** community relations issues addressed, including tenant/landlord disputes and local ordinance violations
- **1,024** citations issued on 858 properties brought before administrative adjudication
- **10,162** work orders were answered by the Public Utilities Department
- **457** Zoning/Code Enforcement complaints responded (457 successfully closed)
- **26** new Donation Collection Box Permits issued
- **46** Zoning Board of Appeals petitions processed
- **61** Plan Commission petitions processed
- **5** Joliet Historic Preservation Commission petitions processed

IMPROVING THE CITY

- **884** tons of asphalt used to patch potholes
- **0.90** miles of streets reconstructed
- **5.83** miles of water main were replaced
- **55.8** miles of sewer mains were cleaned and video inspected

- **7.74** miles of sanitary sewer were structurally rehabilitated.
- **8,023** fire hydrants inspected and tested
- **328** hydrants were repaired and 87 hydrants were replaced
- **700** trees removed
- **1,073** trees planted
- Planted **3,010** annual flowers in 162 planters.
- Installed **74** hanging baskets.

SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT

- **54,589** tons of garbage hauled away
- **13,728** tons of recyclables collected
- **11,347** tons of yard waste hauled away

GROWING THE ECONOMY

- **\$49,879,500** sales taxes generated by local businesses
- **5,083** building permits issued totaling \$205,631,650 worth of new valuation
- **1,104,356** square feet of commercial/industrial building were added
- **236** new residential housing permits
- **133** acres rezoned
- **96** acres annexed
- **43** acres subdivided/final platted

COMMUNICATING INFORMATION

- **4,013** document requests processed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act
- **266,352** new visitors and **75,598** returning visitors to City website - Joliet.gov. Total of over **1,260,602** page views. Most popular pages: Make a Payment, City Council Meetings: Council, Committees, Boards and Commissions, and Current Job Opportunities
- **Over 9,400** Social Media followers - Facebook: City of Joliet, Illinois, Government and Twitter: @TheCityofJoliet 8,065 new citizen reported service requests lodged (via call ins, or submitted online through GoRequest)
- **7,529** community relation service requests that were addressed and closed by City Departments
- City Hall Information Desk handled over **74,327** inbound and transfer type calls

Year Four Water Main Rehabilitation Construction to Begin

In 2016, the Department of Public Utilities prepared a 5-Year Rehabilitation Program for the water system with a goal of rehabilitating 1% of the system annually. The projects are funded with low interest loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Construction of the year four projects is anticipated to begin in April and will continue through the end of the year. Once the current 5-year Program has been completed, the amount of replacement will likely double to 2% annually. The increase will provide additional improvements necessary to maintain the system and reduce water loss.

The water main rehabilitation projects consist of replacement of existing water mains that are prone to failure. A list of the 2020 projects is below. For more information about the Five-Year Water Main Rehabilitation Program please visit the City's website at joliet.gov/departments/public-utilities/programs-projects/water-main-rehab-plan.

2020 WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECTS

- **Mills Rd:** Mills Rd (Richards-Rowell)
- **Ridgewood Phase 2:** Eagles (Hebbard-Leach), Elgin (High-Kraker), Fairbanks (Eagles-Elgin), Hardwood (Copperfield-450 south of Sterling), Hebbard (Copperfield-Elgin), High (Eagles-Elgin), Leach (Eagles-Sterling), Sterling (Leach-Walnut)
- **Raynor Park Phase 2A:** Fredrick (Ingalls-Theodore), Hosmer (Ingalls-Theodore), May (Ingalls-Theodore), Norley (Fredrick-Hosmer)
- **Raynor Park Phase 2B:** Curtis (Waverly-Williams), Norley (Raynor-100 south of Williams), Prairie (Ingalls-Theodore), Waverly (Ingalls-Theodore), Williams (Ingalls-Theodore)

Residents who live in the water rehabilitation project areas identified above are encouraged to sign-up for the City's Smart Message - Community Alert system to automatically receive project updates and alerts. To enroll visit the City's website homepage at joliet.gov, click on I WANT TO in the top ribbon, then click on STAY INFORMED.

If you would like more information about the 2020 projects or have any questions about the water system rehabilitation program please call the Department of Public Utilities at (815) 724-4220.

2020 Construction Updates will also be available throughout the construction season at joliet.gov/departments/public-utilities/construction-zone.

City of Joliet to Participate in the 2020 Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

The average person uses 80-100 gallons of water each day. Typically, the toilet contributes to the highest water usage, followed by showers, clothes washing, dish washing, hygiene (hand washing, shaving, tooth brushing, etc.) and consumption. Water conservation will be particularly important for the City of Joliet in the coming years. The City currently gets their water from the deep well aquifer. The aquifer supply is not sustainable to support the needs of the City past 2030. Water conservation efforts could help to extend the life of the aquifer and reduce the overall cost of bringing a new water supply to the City.

In 2020, challenge your family to conserve water for a month to see how much you can help your community. This April, the City of Joliet will once again participate in the **Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation**. Participation in the Challenge takes place at mywaterpledge.com where residents go from **April 1 - April 30, 2020**, to select from pre-populated pledges to conserve water and other natural resources on behalf of their city. Daily Prizes will be given out to participants and there are also community prizes up for grabs.

Some things that you can do to reduce water usage are:

- Turn the water off while brushing teeth
- Limit shower times (a 20-minute shower can waste up to 50 gallons of water)
- Full loads only for the laundry or dishwasher
- Check toilets, faucets, hoses and pipes for leaks
- Install water-efficient or low-flow fixtures
- Get a rain barrel for outdoor watering

The City has two incentive programs for water conservation. Check out the City Website for more information about the City's Rain Barrel Subsidy Program and Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program at joliet.gov/departments/public-utilities/programs-projects.

Chicago Street Re-Opening

In the summer, 2019, the City awarded a construction contract to re-open Chicago Street from Washington Street north to Jefferson Street. Preliminary construction work began in the fall, 2019 with the majority of the reconstruction work to begin in the spring, 2020 and should be substantially complete by December, 2020.

The re-opening of this section of Chicago Street shall provide direct ingress and egress from the south to the downtown corridor. The Chicago Street re-opening should help facilitate economic growth in the City's downtown corridor.

Thus, Chicago Street shall be reconstructed with a northbound and southbound lane and parking on the west side of Chicago Street from Washington Street north to Jefferson Street. This will include curb and gutter, sidewalks, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Chicago Street and Jefferson Street.

This project will also include improvements to Jefferson Street from Ottawa Street to Scott Street. These public improvements shall include curb modifications, resurfacing of this section of roadway and the installation of street lighting. The street lighting shall also be constructed on Washington Street from Chicago Street east to Scott and on Scott Street from Washington Street north to Jefferson Street.

Lastly, this project shall include the reconstruction of the parking lot located between Jefferson Street and Washington Street from Chicago Street east to Scott Street into one consolidated parking lot with new storm sewer, curbing and parking lot lighting.

Contact the Department of Public Works at (815) 724-4200 with any additional questions regarding the Chicago Street Re-Opening Project.

2019 Roadway Resurfacing Projects Delayed

Due to the onset of cold and sub-freezing weather in early November, streets that were scheduled to be resurfaced as part of the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Program were unable to be completed. The contracts to complete this work will remain open and the work to resurface these streets will be completed in spring 2020. Additional streets will be selected later in the year to be resurfaced as part the 2020 Resurfacing Program.

The following is a listing of streets on the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Project that will be resurfaced in 2020:

- **Alamosa Ct** (Alamosa Dr - E. End)
- **Alden Dr / Bradley Dr** (Henning Pl - Henning Pl)
- **Barnett Ln** (Black Rd - Haven Ln)
- **Black Rd** (Raynor Ave - Catherine St)
- **Brenton Dr** (Von Esch Rd - Brenton Ct)
- **Brentwood Dr** (Edgerton Dr - Devonshire Dr)
- **Brink Dr** (Campbell St - Richmond St)
- **Broadway St** (Bridge St - N. Division St)
- **Brookfield Dr** (Riviera Blvd - Theodore St)
- **Bush Rd** (Noel Rd - S. City Limits)
- **Caton Farm Rd** (Cryder Ln - DuPage River)
- **Caton Rdg Dr** (Meadowridge Dr - Brunswick Dr)
- **Chestnut Grove Dr** (Forest Grove Dr - Westmore Grove Dr)
- **Douglas St** (Madison St - E. Bevan Dr)
- **Eaglewood Ct** (Devonswood Dr - E. End)
- **Elmwood Ave** (Lehman Ave - E. End)
- **Fairfield Dr** (Heatherstone Ln - S. End)
- **Garnsey Ave** (Jackson St - S. End)
- **Heatherstone Ln** (Clublands Pkwy - Fairfield Dr)
- **Hills Ave** (Collins St - Herkimer St)
- **Joe Adler Dr** (Caton Farm Rd - Leupold Ln)
- **Joe Adler Dr** (Ruth Fitzgerald Dr - Billie Limacher Ln)
- **Kraker Ave** (Copperfield Ave - Elgin Ave)
- **Lakeview Ave** (Davis Ave - Betula St)
- **Leckrone Dr** (Leupold Dr - Irma Harvey Ln)
- **Lehman Ave** (Elmwood Ave - Linden Ave)
- **Leupold Ln** (Joe Adler Dr - Leckrone Dr)
- **Marion St** (Willow Ave - Comstock St)
- **Market St** (Shelby St - S. End)
- **Morgan St** (Wheeler St - Dwight Ave)
- **N. Bogdan / S. Bogdan Ln** (Parkwood Dr - Parkwood Dr)
- **Parkwood Dr** (Route 6 - N. Bogdan Ave)
- **Primrose Dr** (Vermette Cir - Olde Mill Rd)
- **Reed St** (Morgan St - Fisk Ave)
- **Riviera Blvd** (Green Trails Dr - Brookfield Dr)
- **Ruby St** (Vine St - Broadway St)
- **Sanctuary Dr** (Barnett Ln - Sanctuary Ct)
- **Shelby St** (Market St - Illinois St)
- **Surrey Ct** (Longford Dr - N. End)
- **Surrey Ct** (Longford Dr - S. End)
- **Terry Dr** (Black Rd - Douglas St)
- **Townsend Blvd** (County Line Rd - Hastings Dr)
- **Vail Ct** (Alamosa Dr - E. End)
- **Vernon Ave** (N. Midland Ave - Barthelme Ave)
- **Wenbergt St** (Maple St - E. End)
- **Woodlawn Ave** (Black Rd - Mason Ave)

Please contact the Department of Public Works at (815) 724-4200 should you have any further questions regarding the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Program.

Roadway Reconstruction

Since 1982, the Department of Public Works has reconstructed neighborhood streets within the City of Joliet. These projects were previously completed through the City's Neighborhood Improvement Program and are now being accomplished through the Roadway Reconstruction Program. Streets to be reconstructed through this program include both residential and/or collector streets. The 2020 Roadway Reconstruction Program includes streets from 2019 Program where the construction was delayed due to utility conflicts and additional streets in 2020. The 2020 Road Reconstruction Program in total will exceed \$1.517 million utilizing funding from the City's Motor Fuel Tax monies and Community Development Block Grant monies.

The following is a listing of streets to be reconstructed with the 2020 Roadway Reconstruction Program:

- **Arch Ct** (Cass St - Clinton St): Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Road Reconstruction
- **Charity Ave** (Sherman St - Nowell Ave): Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Road Reconstruction
- **Logan Ave** (Second Ave - South End): Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Road Reconstruction
- **Mason Ave** (Wilcox St - Raub St): Curb and Gutter/Road Reconstruction
- **Nowell Ave** (Doris Ave - Charity Ave): Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Road Reconstruction
- **Prior St** (Pleasant Ave - West End): Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Road Reconstruction
- **Retta Ct** (Doris Ave - Charity Ave): Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Road Reconstruction
- **Salem Ave** (Jefferson St - Marion St): Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Road Reconstruction

Road Reconstruction Projects are scheduled to take place late spring through late fall, 2020.

In addition to reconstructing numerous streets, the Department of Public Works completes an Annual Roadway Resurfacing Program on various streets City wide. The 2020 Roadway Resurfacing Program shall be funded with approximately \$3.1 million of Motor Fuel Tax monies. A full list of streets to be resurfaced in 2020 will be provided in a future Newsletter.

Property owners are advised to seek alternate routes when a given street is being reconstructed. The Department of Public Works may be contacted at (815) 724-4200 with questions regarding the 2020 Roadway Reconstruction Program or the 2020 Roadway Resurfacing Program.

Will County Recycling Information Open to All Residents

Will County is offering several events open to all Joliet residents. For information on these events and more, visit their website at willcountygreen.com.

Mar 14 @ 8am - 3pm

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Will County is offering residents an opportunity to begin spring cleaning early, by cleaning out hazardous materials and bringing them to Homer Glen. Appointment Required.

Apr 18 @ 8am - 3pm

Recyclepalooza & Household Hazardous Waste Event

Will County is offering to take Electronics, Wood, Styrofoam, Clothing, Books and

Hazardous Household items in Joliet. Appointment Required.

Apr 22

Earth Day

Please celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by planting a tree, beginning a garden, starting a compost, switching a light to LED, caulking a window, or simply attending one of the many events offered around the area.

Apr 24

Arbor Day

Take time today or this weekend to plant a tree or care for one in your yard. A mature tree adds value to a property, provides oxygen, shade, a wind break, and habitat for birds.

Apr 25

National Medication Take-Back Day

If you have medication that you are no longer using, had an allergic reaction to, or

has expired, today you can take to a variety of sites at no charge, for proper disposal. Prevent accidental misuse or poisoning by clicking takebackday.dea.gov for your nearest drop-off location.

May 4-8 @ 8:30am - 4:30pm

Textile Collection at County Building

Shoes, clothes, coats and blankets should never be sent to the landfill. They can be reused and recycled. Each year Will County offers a collection at the County Building, located at 302 N. Chicago St., where they accept cloth items in any condition.

Jun 5, 6 & 7 @ 9am - 4pm

Book Reuse and Recycling Event

Avid readers love the annual Book event at Pilcher Park, where they can take books for free and drop-off books. There is a room dedicated to Children's books and several others for a wide variety of genres. Give your unwanted books a second chance and take home a few new ones.

Spring Cleaning *Is in the Air...*

Garage Sales: Residents planning a garage sale in 2020 are reminded that garage sale permits are required per Joliet City Ordinance. Permit applications can be downloaded at joliet.gov/residents/garage-sales-permit and then brought to the City Hall - Customer Service windows to apply and acquire the permit during regular business hours. City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on observed holidays and is located at 150 W. Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60432. Thirty-minute free parking is available in designated spots around the City Hall building and in the City Hall parking lot off Des Plaines St. Once an individual, neighborhood, subdivision or group garage sale permit is purchased; there are no rain dates, substitutions and permits are non-refundable.

For information about individual and group/subdivision garage sale pricing and restrictions, visit joliet.gov/residents/garage-sales-permit or call (815) 724-3820.

Hazardous Household & Electronics Collection: Waste Management offers a convenient special collection service called "At Your Door" for all City of Joliet residents that pay for municipal waste on their Joliet municipal water and sewer bill. This service allows our residents to be able to properly dispose and recycle common hazardous household and electronic items safely, easily and responsibly. Items such as automotive products, electronics, garden chemicals, household cleaners, paint products, items containing mercury, along with sharps, needles, lancets and more.

Residents should call Waste Management "At Your Door" for program details or to set up a collection appointment at (800) 449-7587 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit their website at wmatyourdoor.com

Waste Management At Your Door will mail out a special instruction kit with disposal pick-up guidelines. All special collection items should be placed on your front porch on your prescheduled appointment collection day. DO NOT place these items at the curb with your regularly scheduled garbage collection day items, as these items will not be picked up by Waste Management. Local and Federal laws and regulations prohibit certain hazardous household and electronic items from being discarded into our local landfills. Waste Management At Your Door does not collect ammunition, explosives, asbestos, tires, old propane cylinders/tanks or any materials unlabeled or in leaking containers.

Discarding Large Household Items: Contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 prior to placing large household items curbside on your regularly scheduled collection day for proper disposal/containment instructions and program details. This service is for Joliet residents who pay for municipal waste on their City water and sewer bills.

Some items may need to be broken down, dressers/cabinets with wood/glass shelving removed and glass taped, furniture items such as carpeting/padding, couches, chairs and mattresses may need to be wrapped to prevent moisture penetration. **Items that are not properly contained,**

broken down, taped or wrapped and get wet will not be collected. All qualifying items, including toters, must be placed curbside before 7 a.m. on your normal collection day. The following are some examples of large household items that are eligible to discard:

- Furniture and Mattresses
- Tables/Dressers/Cabinets (shelving, doors, drawers, table tops and hutches should be removed, and any glass or glass shelving should be taped and properly contained).
- Carpet and Padding (Must be cut, rolled and bound into 4-foot sections and each roll must not exceed 50 pounds).
- Automotive tires should be placed by the recycling container. Up to 4 tires off the rim will be serviced weekly.
- Water softeners must be empty and free of any water and salt.

Discarding Restricted Items: The following items are not part of the weekly Waste Management garbage, recycling or yard waste collection program and require residents to schedule a special pick-up for a fee to have Waste Management pick these items up at (815) 280-7854 or residents can call a company of their own choice for a fee to pick up these items.

- Charcoal/hot ash
- Dirt, stone, concrete, rock
- Eviction or move out piles of household items and belongings
- Fencing
- Large automotive parts
- Large quantities of construction/demolition materials
- Materials from floods and fires
- Permanent swimming pools

Residents should report any of the above items left anywhere on a property to the City Hall - Information Desk at (815) 724-4005.

Discarding White Goods: White goods are large electrical goods used domestically. Contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to schedule a collection pick-up before placing any type of white good item(s) curbside with your garbage and recycling toters. White goods should be placed at curbside prior to 7 a.m. on your normal collection day. This service is for Joliet residents who pay for municipal waste on their City water and sewer bills. This service is available to Joliet residents that pay for municipal waste on their City water and sewer bill and have called Waste Management for a pre-scheduled white goods item pick-up. Accepted white goods are:

- Air conditioners, Humidifiers, Chillers & Dehumidifiers
- Ranges, Stoves, Ovens & Microwaves
- Refrigerators & Freezers (Please remove doors before placing curbside for pick-up)
- Washing Machines & Clothes Dryers
- Water Heaters, Furnaces, Boilers & Heat Pumps (Must be drained of any water)

Discarding Medications - Unused, Expired or Unwanted: Medication(s) should NEVER be discarded down the drain, toilet or thrown into the garbage, as they can be detrimental to the safety of others and to our environment. Residents can discard unused, expired or unwanted medications at the agencies listed below. Not all classifications of medications are accepted at these locations. Residents should research to make sure the

medication(s) qualify for drop off before disposing of them as certain DEA controlled substances and narcotics are not accepted at all locations. For disposal information:

- Contact Waste Management "At Your Door" for program information on how to dispose of sharps, lancets, along with needle disposal, and more at (800) 449-7587 Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or go to their website at wmatyourdoor.com.
- Contact Will County Land Use Division for Pharmaceutical Take Back Program information and alternative drop off locations throughout Will County at (815) 727-8834 or willcountygovern.com/greenguide/pharm.aspx.
- Residents can also check with the prescribing doctor or pharmacy for disposal alternatives.
- Visit the Environmental Protection Agency's (E.P.A) website at epa.gov/hwgenerators/collecting-and-disposing-unwanted-medicines for more information.

Joliet Celebrates 29 Years as a Tree City USA

April 24 is Arbor Day in the City of Joliet. Events throughout the month will include a poster contest and tree planting ceremony at one of Joliet's public schools. An added feature this year is a seminar about introducing native plants to the landscape.

Bringing Nature Home - Native Plants for Beginners

April 21 @ 6:30 - 8pm

Joliet Public Library
Black Road Branch

Recommended Age: Adult (ages 18+) | Interested in native plants? Not sure where to start? This beginner's seminar will discuss the best native plants, shrubs, and trees for your yard. Free resources and a native sapling tree, compliments of the City of Joliet will be available. Offered in partnership with the City of Joliet, Joliet Public Library, Will County Audubon, Forest Preserve District of Will County, and the Nature Foundation of Will County.

Registration is currently open and you can register at the library in person, by calling (815) 740-2660 or online at jolietlibrary.org.

Bluestem Earth Festival

May 16 @ 10am - 3pm

University of St. Francis

Admission/Parking: Free | Presented by the Joliet Franciscan Sisters & Associates, Bluestem offers over 100 vendors and a day of educational fun and activities about environmental awareness, sustainability, healthy living and social justice.

The mission of Bluestem Earth Festival is to educate and empower individuals and families to live healthier, more sustainable and socially responsible lifestyles. Attendees can look forward to fun children's activities, visiting animals, local foods with farm-to-table and dietary options, music, live demonstrations and more.

To view Bluestem's vendor list or for more information please visit BluestemEarthFestival.com. Questions? Email us at BluestemEarthFestival@gmail.com.

2020 Spring Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre

Spring has sprung at the Park! Walk the historic walk to see what's in bloom or look below to see what's on stage - inside and out. Parking is always free and so are our Thursday night "Concerts On The Hill" June to August. Check us out on social media for upcoming events and updates - we're always adding more shows and events.

Location: 201 W. Jefferson St. (815) 724-3761 or check out our website at bicentennialpark.org.

Apr 2 - 5 @ 7pm Thu - Sat, 3pm Sun

Back to 80s

\$9 | Providence Catholic High School presents their spring musical.

Tickets: (815) 717-3323

April 17 @ 7-9pm

Improv Uncorked with "We've Said Worse"

Free admission | Get your laughs on! A fun night of theatre improv by adults and teens. Some mature content. Concessions and cash bar available.

Apr 24 - 26 & May 1 - 3 @ 8pm Fri & Sat, 2pm Sun

Yankee Tavern

\$13 advance/ \$15 door | Latitude 41° presents this dramatic thriller taking place in a NY bar where 9/11 conspiracy theories swirl. **Tickets: (331) 725-2841**, www.Latitude41.org

Jun 4 - Aug 27 @ 6:30pm Every Thursday

Concerts on the Hill

Free admission | The 46th season of free concerts is here! Come enjoy a variety of local talent. Start it off with the Joliet American Legion Band and Metropolitan Youth Symphony. Food and beverages available. Bring blankets and chairs for lawn seating.

Jun 19 - 21 & 26 - 28 @ 7pm Fri & Sat, 2pm Sun

Something Rotten!

\$15 adults, \$10 student and seniors | The Park presents a summer musical production featuring amazing local talent and live music.

Jun 20 @ 12-5pm

2ND Joliet Pride Fest

Free admission | All are welcome. This family-friendly

event for the entire community celebrates Pride Month with live music, food, dancing, special guests and more. Rain date August 1. Presented by the Joliet Pride Fest Network.

Jun 22 - Jul 19 Mon - Thu & two Fri 9am - 2pm Teens, 12pm - 2pm Juniors

Summertime on Stage Drama & Tech Camp

Juniors (5-11) \$200, Teens (11-18) \$275 | The 20th year of "Summertime on Stage" is here! Campers participate in creating a full musical production. Those age 11 may choose either session. Junior and senior high school students may participate in Tech Camp and assist with production only (stage crew, set build, sound and light boards).

NASCAR Summer Festival Weekend & Route 66 NHRA Nationals



Jun 18 - 21 All Day

NASCAR Summer Festival Weekend Chicagoland Speedway

Adult ticket prices start at \$55 for the NASCAR Cup Series race on June 21. Kids' tickets are FREE in selection sections Thursday-Saturday and \$25 off on Sunday.

Make your move to Chicagoland Speedway this Father's Day weekend. The 2020 NASCAR Summer Festival Weekend returns June 18-21, where Chicagoland Speedway has played host to two of the best finishes in NASCAR history in 2018 and 2019 with Kyle Busch and Alex Bowman respectively. The world's greatest stock car drivers will converge to the Magnificent Mile and a Half to the backdrops of fireworks, camping, tailgating, barbecues and musical entertainment as fans witness four action-filled races.

More info: chicagolandspeedway.com



Jul 9 - 12 All Day

Route 66 NHRA Nationals Route 66 Raceway

Adult prices vary and start at \$36 for General Admission on Friday Night on Fire. Kids' tickets are only \$11 Friday-Sunday in General Admission sections.

The Route 66 NHRA Nationals return back to mid-summer, July 9-12. Kicking off the event will be the nation's best Sportsman racers on Dialed-In Thursday. The NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series take to the First True Stadium in Drag Racing on Friday, July 10, for Friday Night on Fire with All-Star Saturday following on July 11. Championship Sunday will take place on July 12, as the top drivers in the NHRA battle it out to take home the Wally. With the new date, comes new classes at the event. Pro Mod, Top Fuel Harley, Factory Stock Showdown and Mountain Motor Pro Stock make their first trips to Joliet and will support the Funny Car and Top Fuel Classes. Fans will have access to meet their hero's as every ticket becomes a pit pass.

More info: route66raceway.com

Celebrate Spring with the Forest Preserve District of Will County

Spring is finally here, and the Forest Preserve District of Will County has dozens of programs that will help you explore nature. The Forest Preserve District provides year-round programming at sites located throughout the county. A full calendar of events and a list of recreational opportunities can be found at ReconnectWithNature.org. Some of the upcoming programs being offered in the Joliet area include:

Apr 4, Apr 18 & Apr 25 @ 8-10am

Migratory Bird Hikes

Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve, on Renwick Road, 0.5 mile east of Route 30, Plainfield. Search for amazing waterfowl, soaring eagles and beautiful songbirds as they rest and refuel at Lake Renwick during migration. The hikes will be up to 1.5 miles. Dogs and bicycles are not permitted. Ages 7 or older. Register by the Thursday before each hike; call (815) 886-1467.

May 2 @ noon & 2pm

Joliet Iron Works Tours

Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, on Columbia Street, off Scott Street and 0.25 mile east of the Ruby Street Bridge, Joliet. Learn why Joliet carried the nickname "City of Stone and Steel" during these 1-mile tours of remnants of the once-thriving industrial steel plant. Register by May 1; call (815) 886-1467.

May 2, May 16 & Jun 6 @ 8am - Noon

Pedal the Prairie

Three biking sessions will be offered: May 2, bike 5-miles round trip to the Kankakee River Bridge from Forked Creek Preserve - Ballou Road on Ballou Road, east of Route 102 in Wesley Township. May 16, pedal 22 miles round trip to the Dresden Dam from Lower Rock Run Preserve - I&M Canal Access, on Hollywood Road, north of Route 6, Joliet. June 6, bike 28 miles round trip to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie from the Sugar Creek Administrative Center, 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet. Registration is required; call (815) 727-8700.

May 15 & 16 @ 4pm Friday, 9am Saturday

Bringing Nature Home Native Plant Sale

Sugar Creek Administration Center, 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet. More than 100 native species will be available for purchase. Friday night: presale fundraiser 4-8 p.m.; music, food, beer, wine; \$25 per person; ages 21 and older. Saturday: public sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free, all ages. For information and presale tickets, visit willcountynature.org.

May 23 @ 1-2pm

Turtles Rock!

Isle a la Cache Museum, 501 E. 135th Street, Romeoville. Celebrate World Turtle Day by painting turtle-inspired kindness rocks. Discover why North America is called Turtle Island and spend time with the museum's resident Blanding's turtles. Register by May 22; call (815) 886-1467.

Jun 27 @ 9-10:30am

Bilingual Hike

Hammel Woods - Route 59 Access, on Route 59, north of Route 52, Shorewood. Experience a bilingual 2-mile guided hike in the woods. Spanish/English field guides and materials will be available to help you ID plants and animals along the way. Both languages will be incorporated into the hike. This hike is intended for both English and Spanish speakers and a Spanish-speaking interpreter will accompany the naturalist on the hike.

Those are just a few of the ways you can enjoy the great outdoors this spring and all year long at Forest Preserve sites. For more information on these activities and preserves, or to register for a program or get a dog park permit, visit ReconnectWithNature.org or call (815) 727-8700.

Joliet Public Library

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Public Library
Read · Explore · Ask · Discover

All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet — **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

Apr 1 @ 6-8pm

Sew Your Own Apron

Black Road Branch

Adults | Learn to sew a basic apron. All supplies will be provided. Basic sewing experience is recommended, but not required.

Apr 4 @ 10:30 - 11:30am

Library Mystery Playdate

Black Road Branch

Ages 3-8, registration required | Children and their favorite grown-up will play games and activities to earn hints about who may be the mystery playdate.

Apr 4 - May 23 @ 11am - Noon

Guitar Lessons for Teens: Project Next Generation

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades 7-12, registration required

As part of the Project Next Generation grant, over eight Saturdays, teens will get a chance to get guitar and rhythm lessons from local professional Tom Maslowski. The final session will give them a chance to check out the audio recording set-up inside the library's own Digital Media Studio.

Apr 9 @ 6:30 - 7:30pm

Bunny Petting Zoo & Egg Hunt

Ottawa Street Branch

Ages 2-10, registration required | Craft a bunny bag to hold the eggs you find during our indoor hunt, and cuddle some fuzzy bunny friends from The Animal Express.

Apr 18 @ 1 - 2:30pm

The Great British Baking Tour

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults | Join UK travel/relocation consultant and former UK resident Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by "The Great British Baking Show" television series, aired on PBS.

Apr 25 & 26 @ 11am - 4pm, 1 - 3pm

Friends of the Joliet Library Spring Book Sale

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages | The Joliet Friends of the Library will be hosting a spring Book Sale featuring books, music, movies, and audiobooks. Materials for both adults and children will be available. On Sunday, bags will be provided for one low price and buyers choose items to go into the bag.



11TH ANNUAL STAR WARS™ DAY

Jun 6 @ 11am - 4pm

Star Wars Day

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages, no registration required | Join us for a celebration of literacy that is out of this world! Join us for a parade, costumed characters, food, games and more at the 11th Annual Star Wars Day celebration! Events will take place inside the Library, Rialto and Museum.

Apr 28 @ 6:30 - 7:30pm

T-Rexplorers

Black Road Branch

Recommended for ages 5 & up with adult, no registration | Discover what it's like to go on a dinosaur dig, spend time with a Dinosaur Fossil Hunter, and get to hold real dinosaur bones and fossils.

May 2 @ 9am - 3pm

Free Comic Book Day at Your Library

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages with adult | Celebrate Free Comic Book Day in style. We'll be giving out some exclusive comics all day while supplies last, but the fun doesn't end there. Critical Grind Gaming will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 5 @ 2 - 3:30pm

Marvel Trivia Night

Black Road Branch

Grades 7-12, registration required | Put your Marvel knowledge to the test and compete against your friends to win a prize.

May 18 @ 6:30 - 8pm

Bringing Family History to Life

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults | Historian, researcher and entertainer Dave Clark will present information on family genealogy.

May 20 @ 7 - 8pm

Hollywood and the Joliet Prison

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults | Kelli Marshall will explore Hollywood's history with the Old Joliet Prison as well as Stateville Prison. We will look at well-known and obscure films and TV series shot there through clips, secrets and stories.

May 27 @ 6 - 8pm

Dorothy Still: Navy Nurse POW in WWII

Black Road Branch

Adults | Join us for this fascinating true story presented by Chicago author Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi.

May 28 @ 6:30 - 8:30pm

Tim Evans Intro to Voice Over

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults | Meet Tim Evans who has written, voiced and produced 100s of commercials for radio and TV.



The Joliet Slammers Professional Baseball — Celebrating 10 Years

The Joliet Slammers are excited to open their 10th anniversary season with fireworks on Friday, May 15 against the Trois-Rivieres Aigles. Highlights in May will include education days, community nights, throwbacks, fireworks and more. The 2020 Season will be packed with NEW promotional nights so stay tuned to social media and jolietsslammers.com for more information.

During the season you can look forward to giveaways, fireworks, family days, princess nights, superhero nights and so much more. We will also be hosting our pet days again this year so the whole family can join in on the fun.

This year the Slammers will also be hosting some exciting contests and events.

The Joliet Slammers are a professional baseball team in the Frontier League that play in downtown Joliet at DuPage Medical Group Field, located at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet IL 60432. The Slammers are your source for affordable family fun. We also host a wide variety of groups and events year-round.

With individual tickets starting at just \$2 on Tuesdays, a Slammers game is an event not to be missed this summer.

To view the Slammers 2020 schedule or purchase tickets, visit jolietsslammers.com or call (815) 722-2287. Also, visit us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @jolietsslammers.



(Even More) THINGS TO DO

Rialto Shows



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The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. Opening in 1926, it was originally designed and operated as a vaudeville movie palace, but it now houses musicals, plays, concerts, standup comedy, educational programs and more. For tickets, please go to rialtosquare.com. The Rialto box office hours are 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday and 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday & Friday. For more information, call (815) 726-6600.

Joliet Area Historical Museum Spring

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432. Free parking is available at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. For more information including museum hours, admission prices and to register for upcoming events, please visit jolietmuseum.org or call (815) 723-5201. Joliet residents receive \$2 off of all general admission levels.

Apr-Jul

Prairie Farmstead Kitchen: The Roaring Twenties

In partnership with the USDA Forest Service Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, come see what was happening in the Schumacher Farm kitchen in the 1920s.

Apr 18 @ 6-10pm

Bob's Country Bunker Pop Up Bar

\$5 Museum members & students / \$7 general public | Join us as we transform the museum and relive the famous scene from the "Blues Brothers" movie! Enjoy music and dancing with J.B. Duckett from Chicago Honkey Tonk. For more information visit our website jolietmuseum.org.



Old Joliet Prison Tours

Mar 21 - Oct 31

A 90-minute walking tour through the inner walls of the Old Joliet Prison. Experience the historic property by passing through the East Sally Port Gate, where the Blues Brothers

was filmed and travel back in time to experience the 150-year history held within those limestone walls. Tickets need to be pre-booked for guaranteed entrance to the tours. For a complete listing of all our tours and to register please visit our website jolietmuseum.org

Downtown Events

Jun 14 @ 11am-3pm

Paws on 66 - Pet Rescue Day

Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street

The fourth annual Paws on 66 will welcome area pet rescues with dogs and cats available for adoption, along with vendors selling pet treats and crafts, advocacy groups, activities, and more. Leashed pets are welcome & will receive a small gift.

April 2, May 7 & June 25 @ 7pm

Reels at the Rialto:

April 2: **The Greatest Showman** (Rated PG)

May 7: **Grease** (Rated PG)

June 25: **Uncle Buck** (Rated PG)

Tickets: \$5

April 7 @ 7:30pm

Chicago

Tickets start at \$56 | Hailed as one of the "most important bands in music since the dawn of the rock and roll era" by former President Bill Clinton. These legendary songwriters wrote mega-hits such as, "25 or 6 to 4," "Saturday in the Park," "Feelin' Stronger Every Day," "Make Me Smile," and many others.

April 28 @ 10am

Shaun Boothe Presents The Unauthorized Biography Series

Tickets: \$6 | School Matinee Series presented by Midland States Bank. Told through a Hamilton-style performance, The Unauthorized Biography Series is a musical project that celebrates the world's greatest cultural icons through biographical hip hop songs. Each chapter of the series captures the legacy of a positive and influential iconic figure in a documentary-style music video.

Apr 30 & May 1 @ 10am-7pm

Museum Open Late

Come to the museum and get your one of a kind prom photos! Anyone in prom attire gets free admission.

May 2 @ 8am-5pm

Red Carpet Corridor

Free admission to the museum / \$10 sample prison tour | The great kick-off of Route 66 season! Start off your road trip by visiting the museum for your free collectible! Visit the Old Joliet prison during your Route 66 road trip from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. for a sampler tour that includes a hat and glasses set so you can cruise in style!

May 9 @ 10am-5pm

Star Wars Scavenger Hunt

Free admission | Game on! Can you find all of the Star Wars pieces hidden throughout the Museum galleries? Grab a game card and challenge your friends and family to complete the hunt. Special guest characters, vendors, and prizes available.

May 16-Sep 7

Blue Star Museum Program

Free admission into the Museum for active military members and up to four of their immediate family members; Armed Forces Day through Labor Day.

May 5 @ 7:30pm

Brian Culbertson: The XX Tour

Tickets start at \$39.50 | As chart-topping multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and producer **Brian Culbertson** crafts his 20th album, the aptly titled "XX" - Roman numerals representing twenty - he revealed plans for the extensive US concert tour that will support the record release. Culbertson's catalogue includes recordings of jazz - contemporary and straight ahead - as well as R&B, funk, instrumental pop and New Age.

May 8 @ 8pm

Rain: A Tribute to The Beatles

Tickets start at \$42 | This mind-blowing performance takes you back in time with the legendary foursome delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that is "the next best thing to seeing The Beatles!" (Associated Press). Experience the worlds' most iconic band and come celebrate The Best of Abbey Road Live with Rain - A Tribute to The Beatles. This adoring tribute will take you back to a time when all you needed was love, and a little help from your friends!

May 21 @ 7:30pm

Rooftop Concert, featuring Cadillac Groove
\$8 Museum members & students / \$10 general public | Includes access to museum galleries, beverages & snacks available for purchase.

June Date TBD @ 5:30-9pm

Tequila & Tacos - Houbolt Rooftop Terrace
\$35 Museum members / \$40 general public | Come out for a unique tequila tasting! Tickets include: 5 tasting tickets, 3 food vouchers, tour of museum galleries, live entertainment, tasting guide, and full cash bar. For more information visit our website jolietmuseum.org.

Jun 6 @ 11am-4pm

Star Wars Day

Free admission | Join the Museum, Public Library, and Rialto Square Theatre for the 11th annual Star Wars Day! Various activities will be at each location, in addition to vendors along Chicago & Clintons Sts. For additional up-to-date information please visit: jolietmuseum.org and jolietlibrary.org.

Jun 18 @ 7:30pm

Rooftop Concert, featuring Classical Blast

\$8 Museum members & students / \$10 general public | Includes access to museum galleries, beverage & snacks available for purchase.

Joliet Park District Spring Events

The Joliet Park District offers activities for the whole family, with over 50 community parks, 3 golf courses, the Inwood Athletic Club, and Splash Station Waterpark. Please visit jolietpark.org or call (815) 741-7275 for more information. Just a few of the many activities include the following:

Apr 4 @ 10am

Easter Egg Hunts

Free. Ages 4-12 | At two locations. Nowell Park Baseball Field (5 Mills Road) Heggie Soccer Field (Collins St & Williamson Ave) 1 p.m.

Apr 25 @ 12-3pm

Earth Day Celebration

Pilcher Park Nature Center
(2501 Highland Park Dr)

Free. All ages. | Celebrate the environment! Join us for wildflower hikes, pulling invasive plants, playing games, making crafts out of recycled materials, and visiting earth-wise vendors.

May 2 @ 9am-2pm

Fairy Festival & Breakfast with the Fairies

Pilcher Park Nature Center
(2501 Highland Park Dr)

\$10 (age 2+) | Enjoy fairy flower walks, make a craft, play games, take a ride on a horse drawn carriage, and let our winged hostesses entertain you.

May 20 @ 10am-1pm

Touch-A-Truck

Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center
(3000 W. Jefferson St.)

Free. All ages. | Your children can climb, sit, and play on a variety of trucks or visit Zoo for You Petting Zoo, pony rides and bounce houses.

Taste of Joliet

Jun 26-Jun 28 @ Noon-Midnight

Taste of Joliet

ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium
(3000 W. Jefferson St.)

All ages. General Admission \$15 online / \$17 day of show, Seniors \$5 per day, Kids 11 and under FREE all weekend | Check out the best festival in Will County, brought to you by the Joliet Park District, D'Arcy Buick GMC, Miller Lite, Hollywood Casino Aurora & Joliet and the City of Joliet.

Headline entertainment by Bret Michaels, Vince Neil, Brett Young, Dylan Scott, and Jimmie Allen. There will be over 25 food vendors, a carnival and a kid's zone.

Go to tasteofjoliet.com for more information.